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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES

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BEGIN SUMMARY: GAMBIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, BADARA N'JIE, VISITED PHILIPPINES FROM SEPT 5-7. OFFICIAL VISIT DESCRIBED AS PART OF GOP EFFORT TO INFORM ISLAMIC FON MINISTER ON SITUATION OF MUSLIM MINORITIES. DFA SOURCES, SAID VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL, BUT COMMENTED N'JIE SEEMED VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION. END SUMMARY

1. GAMBIAN MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, N'JIE MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO PHILIPPINES SEPT 5-7. HE WAS GUEST OF ACTG FON SEC COLLANTES. MINISTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ERIC CHRISTENSON, SEC GEN OF GAMBIAN PRESIDENCY AND OUSMAN SALLAH, DEP. PREM. SEC. GAMBIAN MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFIARS. N'JIE RECEIVED BY PRES. MARCOS WHO HAD HIM TO LUNCH AND INVESTED HIM WITH ORDER OF SIKATUNA (RANK OF DATU). ACTG SEC COLLANTES HOSTED DINNER FOR N'JIE.

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2. JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AT VISIT CONCLUSION NOTED COLLANTES AND N'JIE HAD "CORDIAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL." ACCORDING TO PRESS STATEMENT MINISTER N'JIE BRIEFED PRES MARCOS AND COLLANTES ON RESULTS OF 5TH ISLAMIC FON MIN CONFERENCE IN KL LAST JUNE. PHILIPPINE SIDE BRIEFED GAMBIA ON OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS OF NEW SOCIETY ESPECIALLY MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITIES IN MINDANAO AND SULU. STATEMENT SAID N'JIE "LAUDED THESE EFFORTS OF PRES. MARCOS AND THE PHIL GOVERNMENT".

3. GAMBIA MINISTER'S VISIT GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY WITH FRONT-PAGE COLOR PHOTOS OF PRESIDENT INVESTING N'JIE IN ORDER OF SIKATUNA AND PHOTOS OF AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES.

4. EMBOFF BRIEFED ON GAMBIA VISIT SEPT 10 BY DFA'S DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS (ENRIQUEZ). SHE SAID VISIT PART OF CONTINUING GOP EFFORT INFORM MUSLIM WORLD OF WHAT GOP DOING FOR MUSLIM MINORITIES HERE. SHE DESCRIBED VISIT AS ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL. ENRIQUEZ SAID DFA WAS SATISFIED GAMBIA MINISTER HAD ENJOYED HIS VISIT BUT SAID SMILINGLY GOP COULD OF COURSE NOT BE SURE OF WHAT IMPRESSIONS HE WOULD CONVEY TO HIS FELLOW MUSLIM LEADERS.

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT GOP ACTUALLY INVITED GAMBIA FON MIN AND SUSPECT THAT WHEN IT LEARNED HE WAS PASSING THROUGH GOP CONVERTED HIS STOPOVER TO OFFICIAL VISIT FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.  
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